

TO: Arkansas Democrat/Gazette
Legal Section: Pam Anderson

FROM: Cassondra Williams, Division of Youth Services, JJDP Unit

SUBJECT: Legal Notice for Juvenile Justice Delinquency & Prevention Funds RFA #2005-01

Date: February 16, 2006

The Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services and the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice are accepting Request for Applications (RFA). The RFA is for consideration of the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funds in the following categories: (1) **Disproportionate Minority Contact** (Title II) these funds are to be used to reduce over-representation of minority juveniles in the juvenile justice system by offering alternatives to detention. Priority consideration will be given to applicants located in the following counties: Jefferson, Crittenden and Pulaski in the DMC category only. (2) **De-institutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)/ Families in Need of Services (FINS)** (Title II) these funds should support an array of services for FINS which would eliminate the need to incarcerate status offenders by preventing them from entering the juvenile justice system, (3) **Gender Specific Services** (Title II) these funds are to be used to support programs designed to meet the needs of females by preventing them from entering the juvenile justice system and (4) **Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement** (Title II) these funds are to be used to inform the public regarding juvenile justice issues (5) **Mental Health** (Title II) these funds are to be used to support programs to develop and/or enhance diagnostic, treatment, and prevention instruments; psychological and psychiatric evaluations; counseling services; and or family support services.

Those eligible to apply for funding are units of local and state government, private-for-profit and non-profit organizations and agencies. **A unit of local government means any city, county, town, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a State.**

The RFA will be completed in the following process: 1) Submit a Letter of Intent (2) Attend Grant Writing Workshop scheduled on **March 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** Failure to show will void your application (3) Oral Presentation (4) Director of DYS approval and Legislative Council Review. **All applicants must attend the mandatory Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the Division of Youth Services and the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Mandatory Workshop will be held at the following location:**

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)
Cooperative Extension Service, Auditorium
2301 S. University
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204**

Interested applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent for an RFA packet. The deadline for submission of Letters of Intent is February 28, 2006. **Please Note: Awarding of Funds is contingent upon Legislative Council Review.**

The deadline to submit the final RFA is March 31, 2006. The written request must be addressed to:
Cassondra Williams, JJ Specialist, JJDP Unit Division of Youth Services, P.O. Box 1437, Slot 501 Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

The Division of Youth Services is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from organizations representing minorities, females, and the handicapped.

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Mail invoice to: Division of Youth Services
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